

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-39 are cancelled. The cancellation of claims does not constitute acquiescence in the propriety of any rejection set forth by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent divisional applications.

Claim 40, 43 and 62 are currently amended. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 40-63 will remain pending in the application.

Because the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

II. Response to Issues Raised by Examiner in Outstanding Office Action

a. Claim Objections

The Office has objected to claims 40-61 for certain informalities See points (i)-(vii) in the Office Action, pp. 2-3. Applicants have amended the claims as requested by the Office. Regarding point (ii), the Office indicated that a definition for G^2 would need to be added because claim 1 was not elected. Claim 40 also referred to claim 1 for the definition of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 . See claim 40 immediately following formula (2). Therefore, Applicants have also added the definitions for these substituents to the claim for formula (2). Finally, Applicants have amended claim 40 so that the language regarding the R substituents of formulas (2), (3), and any other portion of the claim is consistent with the scope of original claim 1.

b. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating on page 3 of the Office Action that elected claims of both Group III (claims 40-61) and optionally Group IV (62-63) would be

allowable if amended to correct minor informalities. Accordingly, claims 40, 43, and 62 have been amended and Applicants believe Group IV should be rejoined with Group III.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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